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Federal Communications Commission
445 12 St. SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear FCC:

I am writing with regard to the Rule-Making (RM –10051 & RM-9375), ET Docket No. 01-278, now being proposed by SAVI Technology, Inc. If this rule making is approved, it will allow SAVI Technology to market RFID under FCC Part 15 on the 70 cm Amateur Band. SAVI is requesting that the devices be operated for longer periods of time and at higher power on the band. Why sacrifice the amateur band for such use when there are other frequencies outside the amateur allocated frequencies that SAVI could use? The Reason for their choice of the amateur band is strictly a cost measure on their part. It is a fact, and not speculation, that their use of the frequency will cause interference to amateurs on the 70cm band.

Amateur Radio has played a key role in assisting our states, local government, and federal government in crises. This is easily seen in the articles that are written monthly depicting amateur radio operators working with flood victims, fires, and other natural and man made catastrophes. During our nation's crises in September of last year, amateur radio operators volunteered in great numbers to assist police, fire, and hospital support. All of the assistance was done in the form of volunteering ... that being something that we as radio amateurs feel great personal pride. Another example can be seen in the large number of radio amateurs who assisted with security at the recent Winter Olympics. Most recently, President Bush acknowledged the part that Amateur Radio plays in assisting with both catastrophes and national security and has asked that we in the amateur radio community continue to look for ways to assist at local, state, and federal levels. In support of these activities, the ARRL over the past year has introduced training in emergency communications for ham operators. ARRL is currently teaching three levels of training in emergency communications and these are being offered through an accredited institution. The courses are a great success and class enrolments continue to be filled. In addition, you can find amateur radio operators attending weather spotting courses where they find themselves assisting NOAA in early warning for tornadoes, storms, and the like. Amateurs see these volunteer activities as our responsibility to the hobby and the community. This responsibility is one that the operator takes with added personal cost in both financial support and the giving of their personal time. The Ham operator furnishes their own radios, antennas, pay the tuition for training, make the time, etc., but what they need is the support and protection of our radio frequencies if they are going to make it all work. At a time when President Bush has publicly asked for all of us as Americans to find a way to participate as a volunteer in an effort to assist our country, why would any of us, especially an agency of that same government, not look at ways to protect the very means that we need to assist thousands of amateur radio operators in addressing the local, state, and national needs. Of course, that greatest assistance for the ham radio operator comes in the form of protecting our allocated frequencies. When

there are other options available to SAVI Technology, options that won't threaten the frequencies allocated to Amateur Radio, why won't you consider those options?

Thank you for taking the time to read my remarks, and I sincerely hope that you will consider them in making your decision regarding SAVI Technology. We as Amateur Radio Operators need your support in this matter. The Amateur Radio frequencies are a precious resource that thousands of us use for assistance to those in need and for the enjoyment and tradition of research and development of radio technology.

Sincerely,

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